technology available, likely health implications, adoptability in industries under Indian conditions etc. These standards are reviewed periodically in consultation with experts, concerned organisations and industry representatives.

Estimated population of Elephant and Deer

429. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the elephant and deer population in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof, according to last estimate; and

(c) the various measures adopted by Government to stop poaching of deer, elephant and other rare species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Estimation of elephant population in the country is made on a regular basis. The state-wise details are given in statement (see below). Estimation of the population of all the deer species on scientific basis is not done. The population of Sangai (Manipur Deer) is 147.

(c) The measures taken to stop the poaching of deer, elephant and other rare species of wild animals include:

1. Hunting of wild animals included in Schedule I to IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been banned by the law.

2. Special projects for protection and conservation of tiger, elephant and rhinos and their habitat are being implemented.

3. Raids are being carried out by the wildlife authorities, whenever information of illegal trade in wild animals reaches them.

4. International trade in endangered species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

5. Regional and sub-regional offices of wildlife preservation have been set up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

6. Interdepartmental co-ordination has been enhanced with other enforcement organisation like police, BSF, customs, ITBP, coast guard etc. Training programme on wildlife enforcement and implementation is also conducted.

7. Staff in national parks and sanctuaries are being provided modern arms, wireless equipments and communication facilities to check poaching in the national parks and sanctuaries.

8. Analogous to the Centre, the states have also been asked to set up co-ordination Committee of all enforcement agencies so that there is effective co-operation to check poaching and to stop illegal trade.

Statement

S.No.	*State*	*Population of Elephants*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2102
3.	Assam	5312
4.	Bihar	618
5.	Karnataka	6088
6.	Kerala	5737
7.	Meghalaya	1840
8.	Nagaland	147
9.	Orissa	2044
10.	Tamil Nadu	2971
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1984
12.	West Bengal	260
	TOTAL	29160

Effects of setting up of a power plant in Delhi

430. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a power plant near Pragati Maidan in New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether authorities have applied for NOC; and

(c) whether it would be another big source of pollution to already over polluted Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The Delhi Vidyut Board has submitted a proposal for seeking environmental clearance to the 330 MW Naphtha Based Combined Cycle Power Project in the premises of 220 KV I.P. Extension switchyard near Pragati Maidan. The project proponents have obtained provisional clearance from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. However, the project has not been taken up for assessment by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, since, the documentation is incomplete.